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Cameron pans oilsands

ENVIRONMENT Avatar director-turned-activist James Cameron says Alberta's oil-sands are a "black eye" to his native country's image as an environmental leader.

The Canadian-born filmmaker says he wants to learn more about the controversial Athabasca Oil Sands Project after being contacted by indigenous groups concerned by its impact.

Calling it a "wrong solution" and a "dead-end paradigm," Cameron questions why Canada is spending billions on extracting crude oil when it could spend those funds on wind turbines.



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Residents affected by Monday night's blaze in Airdrie console one another as they return to the site of the fire yesterday afternoon. Three homes were destroyed, one was heavily damaged, and 10 others also suffered damage.

Neighbour to the rescue

Man's actions likely saved pair from Airdrie fire: Official

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When Tyler Laton first saw smoke and the orange glow of flames coming from a nearby Airdrie home, he thought, "Oh my God, I hope there's no one in that house."

Laton, 29, and housemate Jason Clark sprung into action shortly before 9 p.m. Monday, with Clark dialling 911 and Laton bursting through the front door of the home to warn the residents.

"I just went right in the house and I looked in the

"I yelled, 'Get out of the house, get out of the house' ... and the two people were upstairs."

Tyler Laton, neighbour

living room. I yelled, 'Get out of the house, get out of the house,' and I went upstairs and the two people were upstairs," he said.

The trio rushed from the house, and Laton said moments later the entire home was engulfed in flames. He was later told

the couple had no idea of the inferno.

Three homes were destroyed, one was heavily damaged, and 10 others suffered varying degrees of harm after the blaze on Springs Crescent, according to Sheldon Leavitt, Airdrie Emergency Services chief.

Fire officials are still investigating the cause of the fire, which eyewitnesses said spread quickly between the homes, despite a response within minutes by the city's fire department.

Leavitt said Laton's actions likely prevented a more tragic outcome.

"It doesn't take much to speculate that in the absence of someone coming over and knocking on the door, this could have turned far worse," he said.

Laton's wife, Naomi, said she's not surprised by her husband's "gung-ho" response, and the father of four said he wouldn't hesitate to do it again. But he said he's no hero.

"The heroes are the firefighters who will run into a building knowingly," he said.

"I'm just brave, I guess." No one was injured in the fire and no damage estimate was available.

Proposed boundary changes draw fire

POLITICS In the battle over how to redraw Alberta's riding boundaries, Premier Ed Stelmach's Conservative government was accused yesterday of bullying the referee into making changes that kneecap political opponents.

"It's truly pathetic," said the Wildrose Alliance's Rob Anderson, who would see his Calgary-area riding of Airdrie-Chestermere split into two islands under the proposal from Conservative legislature members.

Anderson and fellow legislature member Paul Hinman likened it to a boss ordering an accountant to do an audit, then dictating to that accountant changes he or she would like to see made.

"It calls the whole process into question," Anderson told reporters.

The Wildrose Alliance members were responding to Deputy Premier Doug Horner's report to the commission at a public hearing Monday.

Horner fired back at his critics during legislature question period yesterday.

"I will not apologize to anyone about doing my job," said Horner.

He conceded that one of the pages wrongly referred to the submission as coming from the government.

"I apologize for that," said Horner. "But my letter to the commission clearly indicated this was a compilation of what our members heard from their constituents."

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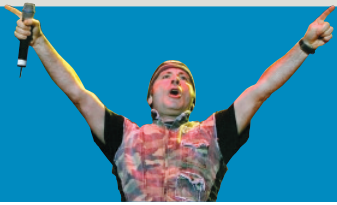
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Maiden to rock Saddledome

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Roller derby proves popular

Twice as many as last season competing in city league

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These girls bleed plaid — and they are proud of it.

Fishnets, tattoos and bruises will be the norm as the Calgary Roller Derby Association gets back into action this weekend with double the numbers of girls it had last season, according to one of the founders, Scarla Maim.

"It's grown a lot since we got started when we used to have trouble getting girls out, but it's becoming a lot more popular now," Maim said, adding there are now about 70 girls on various teams.

Maim, team captain for the Thrashin' Lassies, said the girls enjoy playing up their personalities and attitudes for the crowds dur-

ing bouts, which feature girls on roller skates battling it out for points in teams.

"I don't know if the girls are a lot different in real life, but when we get out there we really play it up to the maximum."

B-52 Bella Mama Ro said the girls really enjoy the competition amongst one another.

"For those who have never had the opportunity to see a game, everything is real. Real spills, real thrills," she said.

On Saturday at 7 p.m. the reigning champion Lassies and their rivals, the Bellas', will fight it out and encourage Calgarians to come check out the action. For more information, visit www.calgary-rollerderby.com.



Derby Girl Scarla Maim shows off her fierce intimidation tactics yesterday at Lloyd's Recreation as the girls practised their skills. Roller derby season kicks off Saturday.

Man wanted on fraud counts

FRAUD Calgary police have issued warrants for a man wanted in relation to thousands of dollars worth of debit card and counterfeit cheque scams. Police are seeking Sanjai Prasad, 35, of Calgary for 22 charges such as theft over \$5,000, theft under \$5,000, possession of a stolen credit card, fraudulent use of credit card data, utter-

ing a forged document, and defrauding a person of more than \$5,000.

The charges stem from eight incidents with three Calgary banks dating back to January 2007 being defrauded of thousands of dollars. Police allege the suspect also defrauded six victims with counterfeit cheques.

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Police looking for robbery suspects

CRIME Calgary police are seeking public assistance in relation to a pharmacy robbery in the city's southwest yesterday.

Police say two men with their faces covered entered the Ron's Pharmacy and Home Health Care in the 1600 block of 90th Ave SW. One man indicated that he had a gun and demanded narcotics, and police say he

stole an undisclosed amount of drugs and fled. Police believe the men fled in a black Chevrolet truck. The first suspect is described as Caucasian, approximately 25 to 30-years-old with a large build and brown hair. The second man is described as Caucasian, between 25 to 30 years old, five-foot-10 with a slim build.

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Ald. Ric McIver set to make 'major announcement' tonight

POLITICS Today could be the day the Calgary mayoral race kicks into high gear.

After Ward 6 Ald. Joe Connelly made his intentions to run for mayor known last week, it appears as though another civic politician could be ready to hit the campaign trail.

Ward 12 Ald. Ric McIver is scheduled to make a "major announcement" on his political future later this evening.

It's been widely speculated that McIver would be taking a run at the mayor's chair, though the southeast Calgary alderman has been mum on where his path would lead.

If McIver does declare his intention to run for mayor, it would bring the number of candidates to four — with Connelly, activist Paul Hughes, and Jon Lord.

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News in brief

WATER The city is warning of a potential water shortage, and asking residents of the city's northeast and northwest, along with Airdrie, to voluntarily limit their indoor and outdoor water use over the next 48 hours as a precautionary measure.

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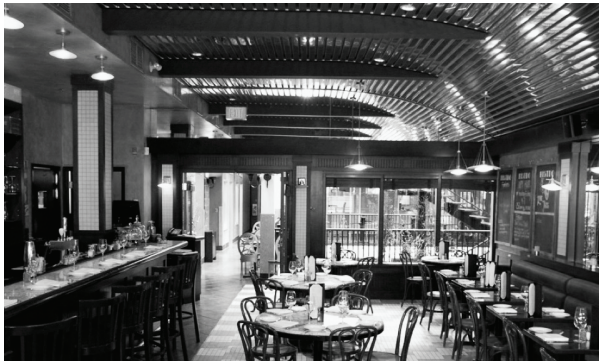
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Warning about disaster donations Police are warning Calgarians about "disaster fraud" in which people pose as valid agency workers asking for donations after major disasters. **METRO CALGARY**

News in brief

FREE SPEECH The Canadian Civil Liberties Association is taking up the case of two citizen-run blogs that were sent cease-and-desist letters for their satirical use of an Alberta municipality's logos. Rocky View County, which borders Calgary, introduced a new trademark before Christmas with the slogan "cultivating communities." Two blogs posted logos replacing the slogan with "paving paradise" and "urbanizing the country," and have been critical of what they see as a move to develop the area. The civil liberties group has written a letter to the county saying freedom of expression includes a tolerance for criticism, even in the form of a logo.

APPEAL The Federal Court has dismissed reputed Calgary gangster Jackie Tran's final chance for an appeal. The ruling makes it almost impossible for the now-deported Tran to ever return to Canada legally. Tran was deported last month after several highly publicized hearings and appeals into his deportation.

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Former Flame Theo Fleury, YWCA CEO Jill Wyatt and Hockey For The Homeless's Kerry Lyons are all smiles after Fleury and the HFTH gave a cheque from a November fundraiser to the YWCA yesterday.

Hockey tournament raises \$31K for YWCA

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Hockey for the Homeless has scored a hat trick in the eyes of the YWCA of Calgary after former Flame Theo Fleury presented the organization with a \$31,000 cheque.

Fleury, the Calgary spokesperson for Hockey for The Homeless, visited the YWCA yesterday to present the funds raised in a hockey tournament

last November.

"This is an organization very close to my heart and I think it's a great cause and we had a lot of fun raising money for them," Fleury told Metro.

YWCA CEO Jill Wyatt said the funds are very important to the women and children at the Mary Dover House.

"It's great, it's really exciting and it's definitely an interesting partnership and we hope to work with them again," she said.

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Advocates celebrate 'high' holiday

Pot advocates gathered across the country yesterday and puffed en masse to protest the legal prohibition of marijuana. April 20 is the so-called "high holiday" for marijuana advocates, with smoke-ins taking place from Toronto to Victoria and points in between. The gatherings have been held across Canada and around the world each year for a decade now.

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News in brief

BOOZE The latest national figures suggest Canadian palates — at least when it comes to alcohol — are becoming somewhat more sophisticated. Beer and liquor stores and agencies sold \$19.4 billion worth of alcoholic beverages during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, three per cent more than in the previous year. Statistics Canada attributes the dollar growth to an increase in sales of imported spirits and beer compared with domestic products, and a one per cent average increase in the cost of alcoholic beverages.

POLICING The federal government ignores the fact that its law-and-order agenda means higher costs for local cops, the country's largest police association said yesterday. Charles Momy, president of the 41,000-member Canadian Police Association, said municipal police are being saddled with national issues on top of day-to-day crime, but get no extra cash.

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Congo Survivor's story



Honorine Kabuo, left, bids farewell to Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean following her visit to Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo, yesterday. Kabuo was attacked by rebels in 2001 while walking through the bush with her husband and two-year-old son. Both her husband and son were killed after she was raped by four men. She was slashed in the neck and had her pregnant stomach cut open but lives to tell of her now eight-year-old daughter she named Victory for her survival. Kabuo and her daughter both live with HIV contracted from rebels.

Mixed-race unions on rise: StatsCan

A new study says the number of mixed-race couples has risen considerably in Canada.

Numbers gleaned from the last census indicate there were 289,400 mixed unions in 2006, 33.1 per cent more than in 2001.

"As Canada's population becomes increasingly diverse, there are more opportunities for people to marry or form relationships with someone from a different ethno-cultural background," Statistics Canada said yesterday. "Mixed unions, including both mar-

ried and common-law couples, reflect one aspect of the diversity of families.

"They vary according to characteristics such as generational status of the spouses or partners, their birthplace and their particular visible-minority group."

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Robin Hood tax?
NGOs want to take from banks and give to poor.

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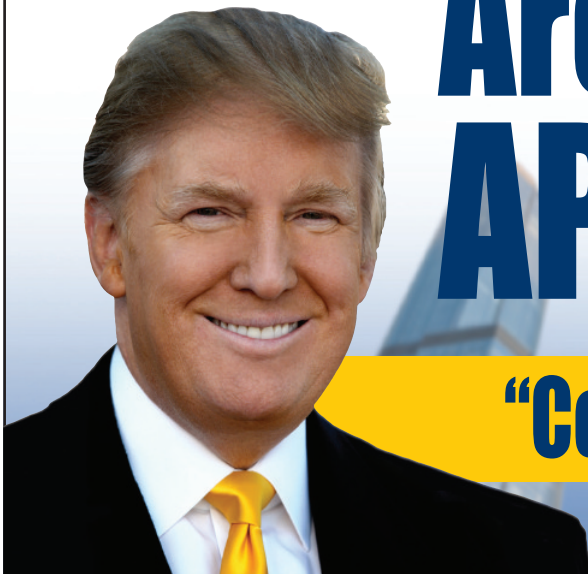
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World

Worst yet to come?

Second Icelandic volcano may be primed for eruption

For all the worldwide chaos that Iceland's volcano has already created, it may just be the opening act.

Scientists fear tremors at the Eyjafjallajökull volcano could trigger an even more dangerous eruption at the nearby Katla volcano — creating a worst-case scenario for the airline industry and travellers around the globe.

A Katla eruption would be 10 times stronger and shoot higher and larger plumes of ash into the air than its smaller neighbour, which has already brought European air travel to a standstill for five days and promises severe travel delays for days more.

The two volcanoes are side by side in southern Iceland, about 20 kilometres apart

Heathrow opens

- London's Heathrow Airport reopened yesterday as air traffic across Europe lurched back to life.

and thought to be connected by a network of magma channels.

Katla, however, is buried under ice 500 metres thick — the massive Myrdalsjökull glacier, one of Iceland's largest. That means it has more than twice the amount of ice that the current eruption has burned through — threatening a new and possibly longer aviation standstill across Europe.

Pall Einarsson, professor of geophysics at the Institute of Earth Sciences at the University of Iceland, said one volcanic eruption sometimes causes a nearby volcano to explode, and Katla and Eyjafjallajökull have been active in tandem in the past. In fact, the last three times that Eyjafjallajökull erupted, Katla did as well.

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Philippines Dismay over decision



Catherine Nunez breaks into tears after a press conference yesterday in Manila. Nunez, together with other relatives of slain journalists, expressed dismay over the justice secretary's decision to clear two members of the Ampatuan clan of charges they conspired in the massacre of 57 people.

Sailors to recreate storied journey

PACIFIC Four adventurers set sail in an open boat from the Pacific nation of Tonga in a bid to re-enact the epic 7,040-kilometre survival voyage of Captain William Bligh of HMS Bounty fame when he was cast adrift by mutineers in 1789.

Bligh sailed a 14-metre open longboat from near Tonga to West Timor in 48 days, surviving by catching

fish and seabirds and drinking rain water.

The new expedition is sailing in a seven-metre open deck boat. Led by Australian Don McIntyre, the expedition includes experienced Antarctic sailor David Bryce from Australia, Hong Kong businessman David Wilkinson, and 18-year-old Briton Christopher Wilde.

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News in brief

WASHINGTON The U.S. Supreme Court struck down a law yesterday aimed at banning videos that show graphic violence against animals, saying it violates the right to free speech. The justices, voting 8-1, threw out the conviction of Robert Stevens, who was sentenced to three years for videos he made about dog fights.

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Aerobics class gets reptilian surprise

The water aerobics class at a holiday park in northern Australia was postponed yesterday when an unwanted guest entered the pool — a five-foot-long crocodile. Workers at the park went to the pool to prepare it for the class when they were surprised to find the croc, which had apparently crawled under a fence from a nearby swamp. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Google abuzz with privacy concerns

Officials from Germany, Canada, France and seven other countries are raising privacy concerns to Google over the online search leader's fumbled foray into social networking along with other matters.

Google launched Google Buzz as part of its Gmail service in February. It quickly came under fire for automatically creating public circles of friends for users, based on their most frequent Gmail contacts.

After complaints, the company apologized and made changes to the service.

But in the letter sent Monday to Google CEO Eric Schmidt, the officials said they are still "extremely concerned about how a product with such significant privacy issues has been launched in the first place."

Canadian Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart, who is among those who signed the letter, said corporations like Google pay lip service to privacy, but it's not always reflected in the launch of new products.

Google Street View is another area of concern, with officials saying the company launched the mapping service — which includes street-level photos taken by cameras mounted on cars sweeping through neighbourhoods — without "due consideration of privacy and data protection laws and cultural norms."

The other countries that signed the letter are Ireland, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain and the United Kingdom.

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Catholic Church drawing heat in Latin America

SCANDAL The detention of an 83-year-old priest on Sunday in Brazil for allegedly abusing boys as young as 12 in a case involving lurid videotape and a congressional investigation is the latest scandal to hit the Roman Catholic Church in Latin America.

The allegations against Monsignor Luiz Marques

Barbosa — and two other Brazilian priests — have made huge headlines throughout this Catholic nation and come amid accusations of sexual activity by priests across the region as well as in Europe and the U.S.

The scandal erupted when Brazilian television network SBT last month

broadcast a tape of Barbosa in bed with a 19-year-old that was widely distributed on the Internet.

SBT reporters went to Barbosa's house and confronted him. Asked if he ever abused boys, Barbosa said he could only answer such a question "in confession" and cut off the interview. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

News in brief

CHINA China ordered flags be flown at half-staff and a halt to all entertainment, including online games and sports events, for a national day of mourning yesterday to honour more than 2,000 people killed by a devastating earthquake in a remote Tibetan region. By China's measure the quake was a magnitude 7.1, while the U.S. Geological Sur-

vey put it at 6.9.

POLAND Poland's government says it is providing financial help to the families of the victims of the April 10 plane crash in Russia that killed the president and first lady. Interior Ministry spokeswoman Malgorzata Wozniak says 87 families have so far gotten 40,000 zlotys (\$10,000) each.

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Life can be obscured by clouds

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Can you say Eyjafjallajökull? Never mind. It's hard enough just spelling it.

The aforementioned Icelandic tongue tickler doesn't have the same electrifying verbal impact as Krakatoa or Vesuvius, both of which sound appropriately

volcanic.

Krakatoa. Katie, she weren't no lady, but Eyjafjallajökull has wreaked global havoc just the same, thanks to tonnes of volcanic ash it has unleashed into the atmosphere, shutting down flights over Europe. Turns out jet engines and grit don't go together.

In the last week, the cost of Eyjafjallajökull's eruption has been more than 9-11. The airline industry alone is losing \$200 million per day, never mind tourism, trade, financials and all of the industries that rely on intercontinent-

tal air travel to keep them going.

And as I write, that damn volcano is belching new clouds of ash into the atmosphere, releasing more carbon than the annual output of a mid-size European country like Sweden or Poland.

Remember when air travel was a glamorous adventure? Now, thanks to Eyjafjallajökull and al-Qaida, it's a black comedy set entirely in the "terminal," a word with chilling implications: If the volcano keeps going, as volcanoes do, it could shut down air travel for

years.

And what would that mean if we couldn't fly any more?

Civilization lapses back into the slow lane. Even the fastest train travels at less than half the speed of a commercial jet into a headwind.

It's difficult to imagine. No more strawberries from South America in January. We'd have to gnaw on roots from the cellar during those long winter months. Eat local ... or starve.

Distances become meaningful again as we are forced to relax into road

trips and slow boats to everywhere. Exotic locales become exotic again, and that includes Hawaii, Puerto Vallarta and Pismo Beach. We are forced, by necessity, to rediscover our own neighbourhoods and communities. All roads lead through Winnipeg, the Chicago of the North.

The recovery of the economy, which depends on the speed of sound for its bounce, lapses into a slow turnaround, and multinationals lose their prefixes. Web conferences turn convention centres and hotels into mausoleums. We plow

them up into urban gardens and grow parsnips to supplement our meagre meals.

How likely is this nightmare scenario? Not very. (Which is almost too bad: It has a dreamy dimension that's hard to deny.) At some point, the human enterprise will rise to the challenge and build a volcano-proof jet. But the lesson is clear: Don't discount Mother Nature just yet. She's full of hard-to-spell surprises.

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Word on the street: What are you doing to mark Earth Day tomorrow?

Loumeir Palma

Calgary

A: I am not really doing anything. I actually forgot it's Earth Day.



Julie Broderick

Calgary

A: It's my friend's birthday and I work, so it's just a regular day for me.



Sybor Wong

Vancouver

A: I'll be taking the bus. I usually don't switch the heat on and I'll turn off all my lights.



Kristen Kaptz

Edmonton

A: I am going to take public transportation and maybe go outside if it's nice. I think it's important to try to save fuel on Earth Day.



Brian Hoang

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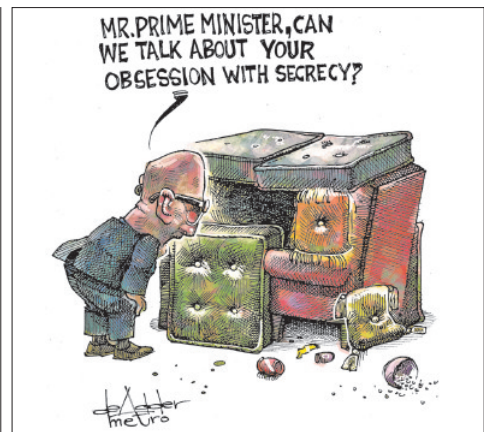
A: Now that I know about it, I'll probably plant a tree.



Christal Gardiola

Toronto

A: I'll stop bringing plastic water bottles everywhere, and I'll unplug my computer when I go to sleep because I usually never do that.



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Harley-Davidson Inc. said yesterday its first-quarter profit fell 72 per cent as sales of its high-end motorcycles remained sluggish. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Business

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BoC boosts Loonie

The loonie posted its biggest single-day gain in nine months yesterday following a bullish economic forecast from Canada's central bank.

The Canadian dollar was up 1.58 cents at 100.12 cents US after the Bank of Canada signalled it may raise rates soon — a move that would likely increase international demand for Canadian bonds and dollars. Earlier, the loonie had gained as much as 1.76 cents to 100.30 cents US.

The central bank projected that Canada's economy will grow a faster-than-expected 3.7 per cent this

1.58 The Canadian dollar jumped 1.58 cents US yesterday, thanks in part to the Bank of Canada signalling it may raise interest rates.

year, and inflation will also move higher. In its last forecast in January, the bank said the economy would grow 2.9 per cent in 2010.

Because of the strong economic outlook, the Bank of Canada said it was withdrawing its conditional commitment to keep the key lending rate at its current record low of 0.25 per cent until the end of June.

That sets the stage for a quarter-point or even a half-point hike on June 1.

The Canadian dollar will remain strong as long as investors expect the bank to raise rates and tighten the money supply. But a high loonie could, in turn, force the bank to cut rates again later in the year, said Danielle Park of Venable Park Investment Counsel in Barrie, Ont.

"They started to hike (rates) in '02 and then had to backtrack because they realized the economy was not recovering as strongly as they'd hoped," Park said.

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Banks could save billions: IMF

RECOVERY The world's banks could be spared billions in losses thanks to a global economy that is recovering from the financial melt-down more quickly than initially expected.

The International Monetary Fund is forecasting that global bank losses from the financial crisis will total \$2.28 trillion US, a drop of \$533 billion from an estimate made last Octo-

ber. The IMF said yesterday that its forecast for losses just for U.S. banks had dropped to \$885 billion, down from an estimate of \$1.03 trillion made in October.

The international lending agency attributes the improvements in part to a faster-than-expected re-

bound in the global economy. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Alberta feeling heat over policy on wetlands

ENVIRONMENT Conservation groups say Alberta is backing away from a proposal to force energy companies to restore environmentally important wetlands ruined by oilsands projects.

The Sierra Club of Canada says a leaked draft of the government's plan doesn't include a "no-net-loss" wetlands policy recommended by the Alberta Water Council.

Instead, the August 2009 Alberta Environment report calls for protecting wetlands of exceptional value, but notes the vast majority of wetlands in the oilsands region have a much lower value.

The Alberta Chamber of Resources and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers have lobbied against the "no-net-loss" policy, arguing it would be too expensive.

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Former all-star pitcher Edinson Volquez of the Cincinnati Reds was suspended 50 games yesterday following a positive test for a performance-enhancing drug. Volquez said in a statement he received a prescription in the Dominican Republic as part of treatment to start a family with his wife. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports

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Ochoa announces retirement

Lorena Ochoa, left, became the second LPGA Tour star in three years to step away from golf — following Annika Sorenstam in 2008 — when she announced her retirement yesterday. The 28-year-old Mexican published a statement on her website and will discuss her plans at a Friday news conference. Ochoa had more than \$14.8 million US in career LPGA earnings. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Sidney Crosby of the Pittsburgh Penguins tries to carry the puck to the front of the net with Chris Campoli of the Ottawa Senators in pursuit last night at Scotiabank Place. Pittsburgh won 7-4.

Sens pushed to brink

(Pittsburgh leads series 3-1)

Penguins 7 Senators 4



Sidney Crosby continued his dominance over the Senators with two goals and two assists last night, and his Pittsburgh Penguins took a 3-1 lead in the Eastern Conference quarter-final series with a 7-4 victory.

Crosby now has 11 points in four games in the best-of-seven series and, in large part because of his efforts,

the Penguins have a chance to eliminate the Senators at home tomorrow night.

Evgeni Malkin, on the power play, and Matt Cooke joined Crosby on the score-sheet as the Penguins jumped out to a 4-0 lead before a sellout crowd of 20,014 at Scotiabank Place, which may have just witnessed their final game in the building for the season.

Those four goals came on 19 shots against Senators starting goaltender Brian Elliott, who made way for Pascal Leclaire following Crosby's second goal early in the second period.

Although the Senators at-

tempted to get back into the game with the help of their power play, they couldn't avoid being pushed to the brink by the reigning Stanley Cup champions.

Matt Cullen scored once and set up two goals for the Senators, who managed a couple of power-play markers during 5-on-3 advantages.

Daniel Alfredsson and Jason Spezza, who've both come under fire for their lack of production so far in the series, each had their first goals and an assist and Chris Neil also scored.

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Sports in brief

BASEBALL Colorado Rockies president Keli McGregor has died in a hotel room in Salt Lake City, police said yesterday. The Rockies said McGregor, 48, was on a business trip.

BASEBALL Major League Baseball has dropped its five-game suspension of Seattle Mariners pitcher Cliff Lee. The team said yesterday that MLB vice-president of administration John McHale made the decision after Lee's appeal hearing last week.

NBA Dwight Howard has won his second straight NBA defensive player of the year award after becoming the only player to lead the league in blocks and rebounds in the same season twice.

NHL Pavel Datsyuk will be looking for a third straight Selke Trophy at the NHL awards in June. The Detroit Red Wings star was nominated for the league's top defensive forward yesterday, joining Ryan Kesler of the Vancouver Canucks and Jordan Staal of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

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Manitoba school to get new mining technology

A consortium of industry and public-sector partners will soon unveil plans for a state-of-the-art mining academy in Flin Flon, Man.. Sources say the Northern Manitoba Mining Academy may include the latest technology in automated underground mining equipment simulators previously unavailable in the province. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Workology

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Grad time tied to resources

A new study from the U.S.-based National Bureau of Economic Research suggests that the increase in the length of time needed to complete a baccalaureate degree in recent decades is concentrated among students who enrol at less competitive 4-year institutions and at community colleges. Results suggest that declines in collegiate resources in the less-selective public sector increased degree-completion time. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

To earn now or learn for later?

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax



The last few years have seen a decline in employment among young Canadians almost matched by a rise in enrolment in graduate school, according to Statistics Canada figures.

The number of grad students rose by five percentage points in the 2007/2008 academic year and the employment rate among Canadians aged 15 to 24 declined by 8.7 percentage points between 2008 and 2009.

David Ablett, a financial planner with Investors Group in Winnipeg, says people should weigh the investment required for upgrading education against the likely benefits. "Grad school can offer career opportunity, personal growth, fulfillment and achievement. It can also leave you in considerable debt," says Ablett. "When weighing the options, it's best to understand the ways you'll finance your decision."

He cites Stats Can figures for 2005 saying the average income for a person with a bachelors degree was \$58,767. For a grad degree, that rose 18 per cent to \$69,230. Over a 30-year working period, that would equal an earnings boost of about \$313,890.

An MBA costs about \$50,000 on average and an EMBA (executive MBA) about \$90,000. If a student had to borrow the entire cost, a debt of \$50,000



University graduates have a tough decision whether to get a job and earn income or aim for a post-grad program.

would take 15 years of \$400-a-month payments at five per cent interest to clear.

Further education also takes you out of the workforce for a number of years, costing several years' salary.

"Investing in education can be lucrative, but it is a big financial commitment and the decision needs to be weighed along with other life goals like owning a home, providing for a family and your retirement," Ablett says.

Would-be students in the

workforce have advantages, he adds. They might have enough in savings to pay for all or part of their educational upgrade, including money drawn from RRSPs via tax-free withdrawals with the life-long learning program.

"You can take out up to \$20,000 over a four-year period. Once you've finished your course of study, you've got ten years to make the repayments to your plan," he says.

Workers can also take advantage of the tax-free savings account intro-

duced a couple of years ago to sock away savings for future studies.

Potential students

should also check out what bursaries and grants are available to offset the cost of tuition. Women pursu-

ing doctoral studies, for example, can apply for a Canada Study Grant, Ablett notes.

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Credit union for university crowd?

BANKING A pair of University of Waterloo students are looking to launch Canada's first credit union for the university and college community in the Waterloo Region.

The proponents of the Waterloo Banking Project believe a credit union could do great things for students, such as offering "micro-loans" designed for when a student is running out of funds for living expenses at the end of one semester, but will have money coming in from a co-op placement or a summer job. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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Versa shows class

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada



When it came to entry-level cars, there used to be only a couple that were really worth the money.

The rest were playing off either their low price or buyers' ignorance about just how nice a car you can get for very little money.

In 2010, that ratio has virtually flipped, with an increasing number of hits and much fewer misses. And it seems like nearly every week there's some other company trying to break in.

Nissan has generally been on the "inside" with its small offerings, but this is especially true with its entry-level Versa.

Although it hasn't

2010 Nissan Versa

Type: Compact sedan/hatchback
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Engine: 1.6L/1.8L
Fuel Economy: 7.9/6.3L/100km (city/hwy)

Highlights

- Modern interiors
- Generous leg room for back-seat passengers
- Affordable price
- Capable handling

changed much in the three years since its launch, it remains an impressive lesson in packaging.

Somehow, Nissan managed to carve out a relatively grand interior from a modestly sized body. The design is hit-or-miss,

though. The five-door hatch is pert, if not pretty, but the four-door sedan is awkward and best forgotten.

While there is a four-door door-crasher special with a less powerful 1.6-litre four-cylinder engine, starting with the hatchback improves things considerably.

Using a 122-hp 1.8-litre engine, the Versa is not a rocket, but using the six-speed manual transmission means it's easy to control.

The optional continuously variable transmission (CVT) isn't horrible if you can't or won't drive a stick. Fuel mileage is good given its competition at 7.9/6.3 L/100 km (city/hwy), so you'll stretch out your dollar between fill-ups.

Get behind the wheel,



Inside, the Nissan Versa boasts a simple, modern cabin with easy-to-reach controls and legible instruments.

able, and good gearing means it doesn't inspire panic during passing manoeuvres. The brakes are capable but wouldn't be up for track work...

The best part is that Versa starts at a very reasonable \$14,198 although if you bring straight cash, you can get into a no-option sedan for four figures.

Nissan's biggest problem? That the Versa is so good at its job that the current one-size-up Sentra still can't deliver a solid reason why anyone should spend the extra money.

and you're presented with a simple, modern cabin with easy-to-reach controls and legible instruments. You always feel perched in the driver's seat, the better to maximize interior space.

Rear-seat passengers aren't ignored either, with generous leg room. Cargo

space is limited, but there's room for groceries or other sundries.

Get out on the road, and the little Nissan's manners are comfortable, but not especially sporty. It doesn't flop like a fish, but it's no corner carver.

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Head-scratchers and showstoppers

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

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The auto show "season" is more or less over. It starts every fall, in either Paris or Frankfurt, and winds up in April in New York.

In the intervening months we see major auto shows in places like Tokyo, Shanghai, Detroit, Montreal, Chicago, Toronto, Geneva, Vancouver, and this year even Flin Flon — though that was probably an accident and not likely to be repeated.

So let's take stock of some of the finer and/or more interesting debuts we saw this season, because they could represent significant trends moving forward, and it's never a bad idea to contemplate bright, shiny objects.

Personal Transport Re-Think

Of the "envelope pushers" concepts brought to light this year, my faves were the Volkswagen L1 and Nissan Land Glider. Both position the passenger directly behind the driver, like on a motorcycle. The L1 is so named because its diesel-electric powertrain only needs 1 L of fuel to travel 100 kms. It looks like a big cigar, or worse.

The Nissan Glider is an EV, but its most cunning attribute is that it can lean like a motorcycle (up to 17 degrees), which should make it a blast (or at least interesting) to drive.

Also of note in this category is the Honda 3R-C Concept, a fully enclosed single-seat, three-wheeled device running on battery power. It looks aggressively high-tech, I'm guessing, so maybe you don't feel so vulnerable in your smallness.

Future High performance

This is a really exciting category, as automakers are realizing that electric power can simultaneously boost power and lower emissions.



The auto show season gave us the envelope-pushing Nissan Land Glider, left, and the VW L1.



When you make stunning e-rides like the Audi e-Tron concepts, our conversion to electric propulsion will be done with little duress.

One of the genuine surprises at the recent Geneva show was another car in this vein — the Porsche 918 Spyder. This concept combines the 500-hp V8 from the RS prototype races with two electric motors, for an additional 218 horses. It can

go 198 mph and get 78 mpg if you baby it.

Significant high volume

The 2012 Focus compact represents Ford's first truly global platform — versions will be literally made and sold in every corner of the planet. A slick wagon/mini-van version called C-Max is particularly compelling. Aided by the equally new Fiesta, it should re-establish

Ford as a small-vehicle powerhouse.

The new Buick Regal is equally global; it's currently produced in China where it's selling like hot cakes, and will soon be built in Canada.

It's based on platform that also underpins Open Insignia, Buick LaCrosse, and the upcoming Cadillac XTS. The Regal GS concept unveiled in Detroit, with

all-wheel drive and a 255-hp 2.0-litre turbo, tells us that Buick is (finally) serious about attracting younger buyers.

Significant head-scratchers

At Detroit, sitting by itself, with no display material or fanfare was a Lancia Delta fitted with a Chrysler grille. Lancia is one of the brands owned by Chrysler's parent company, Fiat. Not only did it seem odd, but also no one at Chrysler seemed interested in conveying why it was there.

Equally upsetting was the Aston Martin Cygnet — a very small and cheap Toyota iQ dressed in Aston Martin finery.

The Cygnet would only be sold to current Aston Martin owners, presumably for them to drive on city errands and such, when piloting their regular Astons might be deemed overkill. Speaking of death, this column is done!

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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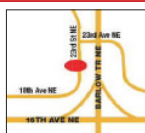
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MODEL: 2004 to 2007 Mazda 6

VEHICLE TYPE: Sedan or Wagon

APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: \$6,500 to \$17,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION:

Capitalizing on a unique styling language, celebrated driving dynamics and a new "Zoom-Zoom" product ideology, the 2004 Mazda 6 hit the scene and quickly began changing the perception of how exciting a Japanese family sedan could be.

Shopped mainly for its fun-to-drive character, upscale looks and refined, modern interior, the 6 is a popular choice for driving enthusiasts after a sensible used family sedan.

Shoppers can look for a 6 with either a 2.3 litre, 160-horsepower four-cylinder engine or a 3-litre, 220-horsepower V6. Transmission choices for either engine included a five-speed manual or an automatic with between four and six gears — depending on the year in question. Unlike

Second Gear

most competitors, the 6 offered a stick-shift, even with its larger engine. Features included ABS brakes, power steering, power accessories and a tilting, telescopic steering wheel — depending on the model. Heated leather seating, side airbags, fog-lamps, heated mirrors, a CD changer and large alloy wheels could be fitted, too.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: No surprises here. Owners tended to praise the 6's styling,



The 2004/07 Mazda 6 lineup changed people's perception of how exciting a Japanese family sedan could be.

sporty handling manners, upbeat cabin and fuel mileage with the four-cylinder engine. Mazda 6 wagon owners also like the lifestyle appeal of their machines when it comes to family trips or outdoor sports.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Complaints tend to centre around the 6's smaller-than-average cabin and a large turning radius. Some owners of four-cylinder models wish for more power, and

some owners of V6-powered models wish for better mileage.

COMMON ISSUES: Pay extra attention to the automatic transmission on any 6 you're considering that's equipped with one. Any shuddering, hard shifting, slipping or other questionable sensations from the gearbox need to be identified and addressed before agreeing to purchase. Owner reports are somewhat inconclusive and sporadic,

but any of the above may be prelude to expensive transmission component troubles.

Note that refilling the Mazda 6's six-speed automatic gearbox with improper fluid could cause damage.

Stick with a manual-transmission model where possible, and if in doubt, take the used 6 you're considering to a Mazda dealership for a pre-purchase inspection.

Be sure to check out the

condition of the paint, noting any excessive rust on the trunk area below the license plate and around the wheel wells.

Check that the climate control system and power seat adjusters both work properly, too.

THE VERDICT: Stick with a manual transmission in your used 6 where possible, and get ready to join a community of happy owners with a sporty and stylish family ride.

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BMW is using lithium-ion batteries in its ActiveHybrid 7 sedan.

Battery leads charge

JIL MCINTOSH
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With all the attention paid to electric cars, you'd think they'd be common on the roads by now. The major holdup isn't the car, but the battery: It hasn't been easy to find the right combination of power, weight and cost.

Lithium-ion batteries are the best choice right now, says Tom Baloga, vice-president of engineering for BMW North America. The company uses lithium-ion units in its ActiveHybrid 7 sedan.

"We have seen them in consumer electronics, and lithium-ion is taking over

from other types of batteries for power tools," Baloga says. "Even though they are expensive, lithium-ion is the choice for battery electric vehicles."

Less-expensive nickel metal hydride (NiMH) batteries are currently used in hybrid vehicles, including BMW's ActiveHybrid X6, but lithium-ion is expected to replace these bulkier, less-effective batteries. "The X6 was developed years ago, at a time when there was uncertainty about the safety of lithium-ion batteries," Baloga says. "Now there are several layers of redundancies in failsafe protection. The temperature of the battery is very closely moni-

tored, and in the event of a short circuit, it shuts down the battery."

Baloga also says that concerns over the supply of lithium, a rare-earth element, are unfounded.

"The consensus is that there is about 30 million tonnes of lithium supply in the world," he says. "If you assume that each battery uses about four kilograms per vehicle, that is enough lithium right now for seven and a half billion all-electric cars. The aspect of any kind of battery that we have. Lithium-ion batteries will be recycled and can be used in other batteries, and that will further reduce the strain on the supply."

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Qatar Visa rules changing

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Step behind the walls of Cartagena

Metro finds the places to eat, stay and drink within Columbia's walled city

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

Colombia may have the reputation of a recovering addict, but the walled city of Cartagena is an explosive cocktail of colonial culture and pristine beaches.

Metro finds the places to eat, stay and drinks in Cartagena.

WHERE TO WAKE UP**The Charleston**

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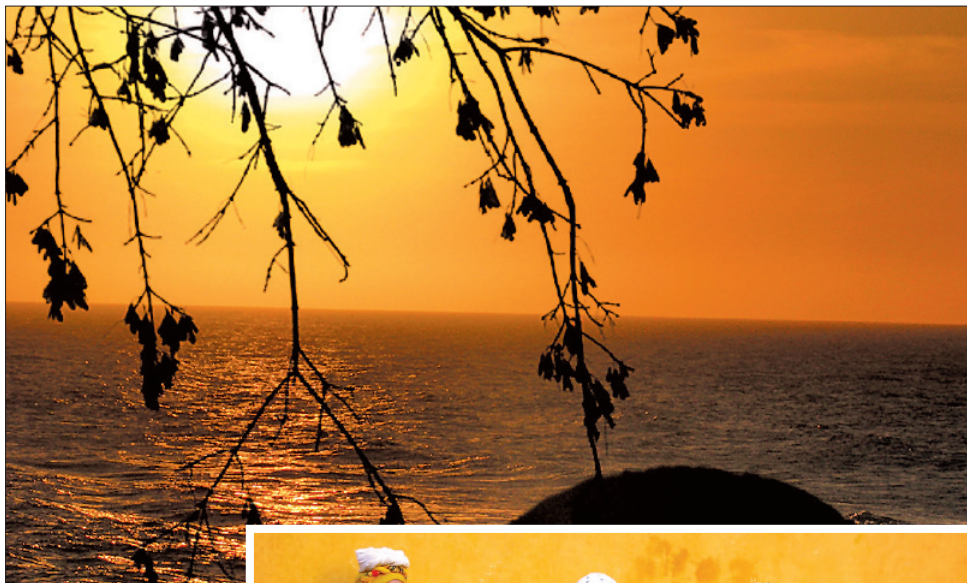
The Charleston was built as a convent for the Carmelita nuns, then used as a jail and pasta factory. It's now one of the most luxurious hotel within the walled city.

SPEND THE MORNING**Shopping ...**

The walls of coral, limestone and brick that surround the old town have protected its people for hundreds of years.

Take in the magical surrounding of eerie churches, crowded plazas and colonial mansions painted in eccentric hues of ochre and rose.

Pick up local crafts, painted wood masks and clay figurines from Plaza Santo Domingo or a "palenquera" (street vendor).



Sunsets aplenty in Cartagena.

Plenty of colonial charm

WHERE TO LUNCH**La Casa de Socorro**

Calle Larga, No. 8B-112

Order a chilled Colombian beer as you kick back, relax and wait for your food to arrive.

The rustic interior is warm and welcoming and food wise — from crab claws with fragrant coconut rice over to shrimp or tangy fried plantains — you won't leave hungry.

SPEND THE AFTERNOON**Dreaming and diving ...**

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Islas del Rosario, an archipelago of 27 sleepy is-



Colourful characters and fruits can be found beyond the walls of Cartagena.

lands offers the simple pleasures of sand, coral reefs and crystal clear wa-

ters to offer — and very little else. It's a beach-lover's paradise.

Spend the afternoon diving, snorkeling or sprawled out in the sun-



Bright colours illuminate this community.

shine. Despite Cartagena city's energy it's blissfully peaceful.

WHERE TO HAVE DINNER**La Vitrola**

Centro Cll 33 #2-01

A stone's throw away from the former home of surrealist author Gabriel García Márquez (Love in the Time of Cholera) La Vitrola, (Calle Baloco), mixes Cuban chic with old school charm.

Try the "ropa vieja" (avocado, plantain, shredded beef and beans) and there should always be a bottle of aniseed liquor behind the counter — a great way to get in the mood for dancing.

HOW TO SPEND THE NIGHT**Café del Mar**

cafedelmarcolombia.com

Sip on a Piña Colada as you watch the sunset perched on one of the stool's of the Café del Mar.

Music flows through the veins of the Cartagenos and almost all main squares come alive at night.

Although somewhat limited in floor space Donde Fidel (Plaza de Loc Coches) is one of the best salsa clubs in town.

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The treasures of Egypt's boy pharaoh are returning to Seattle. An exhibit of artifacts from King Tutankhamun's tomb opens at the Pacific Science Center in 2012, more than 30 years after the boy king first captivated Seattle. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



4 Must see islands

- 1 Grinda:** The boat trip here takes about two hours. There are beaches and rocks to swim from, a hostel, good restaurant and lovely nature to explore. Good fishing.
- 2 Finnhamn:** There are forests with great walks and you can find your own cliff to sunbathe on watching the sailboats cruise past.
- 3 Sandhamn:** Here's where sailors congregate at the

Royal Swedish Yacht Club and there's a lot of partying in the summer. Enjoy the village and then walk through the forest to the glorious beach.

4 Huvudskär: Ferry from island Dalarö from Midsummer to August. Ancient fishing settlement, raided by Russians in the early 18th century, old tight house, calm and stunning beauty. It includes almost 200 islands and a youth hostel.



Summer swimming in Sweden can reach 20 C.

Island hopping around Sweden

See Stockholm's gems by boat

JESSICA CARLSON
Metro World News



Stockholm is built on 14 islands and has a vast archipelago, easily accessible and with a broad range of activities.

You can cruise it in style, and splurge on seafood on-board or at top end restaurants on islands Oaxen and Grinda. You can island-hop budget style on the white boats that crisscross the 24,000 islands — from Landsort in the south to Örskär in the north and Svenska Högarna in the east — or experience the beauty and serenity of Stockholm's archipelago paddling in a kayak. The unique Swedish law Allemansrätten — the Right of Public Access — gives

everyone wide rights to roam and camp even on privately owned land.

Day-trips to islands Finnhamn or Grinda are perfect for swimming (and jumping from the cliffs), fishing and lovely walks. There are well-serviced youth hostels on these and many other islands. Advanced bookings are advised especially around Midsummer in late June — a holiday when every Stockholmer who can will go to the archipelago.

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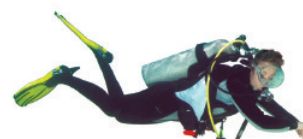
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Set on a 100 acre lot, this archeological experiment is full of lush landscapes.

Stepping back in time

Denmark village gives a taste of Iron Age

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News



It sounds like a vacation designed by kids — playing outside in the sun, with random farmyard animals to torment, swimming in lakes, sleeping under the stars and absolutely no baths.

For a week.

Which is weird because this is the Iron Age Village at Lejre, in Denmark — an experimental archaeology centre set in 100 breathtakingly beautiful acres.

It's basically the Stone Age, Iron Age, or Viking era here and you're thrown into it with a pretty much sink or swim attitude.

Lejre is a living museum and for a week you are expected to wear the clothes, do the work and live the lifestyle of our 2000-year-old ancestors — often to the bemusement of other visiting Danish tourists.

But don't get bent out of shape, failing is part of the fun.



You will sleep on sheepskin rugs and under the open skies.

And, after the initial culture shock, the whole experience makes your modern family entertainment options seem impossibly tame in comparison.

You will share your time with about 25 others as

you walk on bare earth, sleep on sheepskins and bathe in the lake.

Your toilet?

It will be a hole in the ground — try not to make a mess.

You will work four or five hours a day forging iron, weaving rope, grinding flour, fetching water — whatever needs doing to make the village run you will be doing it.

Hard labour may not seem like much fun but as you lose your self in the era you will begin to love that too.

Because this is not just another whacky camping trip but both a valuable experiment and a real conduit to another era — one with no TV, no media, and no deadlines other than sunrise and sunset.

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Bond faces cash problem

The next James Bond sequel, tentatively titled Bond 23, has been put on hold due to MGM's financial troubles, according to Variety. Producers say the next Daniel Craig 007 instalment is facing a foe as nasty as Dr. No or Scaramanga: Cash woes. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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**MTV host**

Park and Recreation's Aziz Ansari will host the 2010 MTV Movie Awards. "I'm so happy Ronnie from Jersey Shore was unavailable and this exciting opportunity was able to come my way," Ansari said. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Oceans come to life

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Four years in the making with an unprecedented scale of production, Disney's latest nature feature Oceans is an extraordinary technical achievement.

Audiences are treated to remarkable images of undersea life that have never been seen before because the technology and resources to capture the footage didn't exist.

When the movie opens on Earth Day, cinema screens will be filled with stunning high-definition images of blue whales, dolphins, sharks, and other oceanic favourites in a scope that will demand jaws to drop.

It's a cinematic experi-

ence that has never quite been delivered before, just ask Rob Stewart a long-time Canadian underwater photographer and director of the Oscar-nominated documentary Sharkwater.

"I honestly felt a little divided between jealousy and excitement about what was achieved," Stewart told Metro. "They lived our (dream): To be able to spend as much time underwater as you want with the best camera technology in every ocean on the planet to deliver the majesty of this world to the public in a new way."

Stewart was able to spend time on the set of Oceans and admits to being blown away by the scale of the production

that co-directors Jacques Perrin and Jacques Cluzaud (Winged Migration) had assembled. Stewart describes the filming process as being "radically different" from anything he'd seen before.

"The way I made a movie was with one camera, two assistants and me. They had between 20 and 30 people on set with joystick cameras, remote control vehicles, and robots with cameras built into them. They basically took the best of the technology from the surface and make it available underwater," revealed the director.

"It was a totally different way of shooting and that's why they got these images that are perfect, crisp, and beautiful."

Oceans might expand the possibilities of what can be done in this medium in the future, but it's not simply a technical exercise. The movie also sends a strong message about the importance of conservation, featuring some sobering satellite images of pollution flooding into the oceans.

"The satellite images show pollution run off from agriculture, fertilizers, and nitrates have caused dead zones in the oceans. These are areas with no life whatsoever. There are over 400 dead zones in the oceans including one that takes up most of the Gulf of Mexico," explained Stewart.

"That's why the movie Oceans is so important. To the general public the oceans are out of sight and



Oceans is an extraordinary technical achievement for Disney.

out of mind. They don't know that 90 per cent of life on Earth lives in the oceans or that oceans give us 70 per cent of the oxygen in the air that we breathe.

"So, to bring people the majesty of the life underwater is going to give them an appreciation for these animals and make them care about the fact that they are being destroyed."

It's a strong and impor-

tant message that will hopefully raise awareness for such environmental concerns.

Audiences who see the film during the first week of release will actually help the cause as a portion of the proceeds will be donated to ocean conservation. Just think, you can actually help the environment from the comfort of an air conditioned movie theater.

Alex O'Loughlin has no need for his own back-up plan

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Alex O'Loughlin has become a regular presence on TV screens with work on The Shield, Moonlight and Three Rivers — and he just finished filming the pilot for a remake of Hawaii 5-0.

But the hardworking Australian actor is no stranger to movie screens either. In his latest, the romantic comedy The Back-Up Plan, he goes toe-to-toe

with none other than Jennifer Lopez. O'Loughlin sat down with Metro to talk about working with J.Lo, film versus television and his undying love for vampires.

Q What was it like going up against J.Lo?

A It was fantastic. It's funny when you word it like that, going up against her. It's like, yeah I guess I sort of was in a way. But it never

felt like that. She's a pro, she's completely approachable. I mean, we met and became buds before we did the thing, so by the time it was first day on set, cameras rolling, we were like old mates, which is great.

Q Do you have a preference between playing heroes and villains?

A I really like playing villains. It feels to me like — and this isn't to

say that I've ever done anything clever or talented in my career yet — but I feel like when I'm playing a villain, I can get away with a lot more. You go like, "Hey, listen, what if this guy had a tattoo on his face?" And the director's like, "Yeah! That's f—ing evil!" But as the hero, you're like, "Hey, can we...?" "No! You're the hero. Just look and smile." And that's a ridiculous sort of stereotypical response, but I just feel freer when I'm a villain.

Q How about a preference between working in film and television?

A Well, film. I don't know who would prefer television over film. The only good thing about TV is it's a steady paycheck. That's not true ... but look at me, dude. I just finished a pilot. I'm beat. You do 15, 16-hour days every day. You've got to churn the work out.



The Back-Up Plan opens Friday

Alex O'Loughlin and Jennifer Lopez cozy up in The Back-Up Plan opening Friday.



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Max Manus brings war heroes to life

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



Epic in scope but personal in detail, Max Manus is a Norwegian war movie that puts many Hollywood blockbusters to shame.

The film is a biopic of the titular Max Manus, an undercover saboteur in Norway during the Second World War. Max and his close circle of friends fought valiantly against the Nazis during the German occupation and while Max was the only one to come out of the war alive, they are all considered heroes in their native land.

A film about Max's journey took a surprising 65 years to make it to screens, but finally arrived in an intelligent and action-packed period piece that set box office records in Norway in 2008. The movie is finally coming to Canadian screens this Friday.

The project was a labour of love for co-directors Joachim Ronning and Espen Sandberg, who were anxious



Max Manus tells the story of the Norwegian resistance during the Second World War.

to make their movie quickly while a few of the historical figures were still alive.

"We were able to talk to war veterans and Max's widow Tikken, which helped us immensely," said Sandberg. "The most nervous we ever felt during the entire project was on the day that we screened the film for her. She was just thrilled and

said that it took her right back to that time. That was an exciting day because we knew it meant that we had something."

Filled with huge crowd scenes, battle sequences, and extraordinary period detail, the project required a blockbuster budget to pull off, but the directors were surprisingly able to make the film with a fraction of a Hollywood budget.

"It costs about the same to make a film in Norway as

it costs in Hollywood and Max Manus only had a budget of around \$10 million (US). This is why you don't normally make these kinds of movies in Scandinavia," joked Ronning.

"The only way we could do it was to shoot in half the time and with one-tenth of the crew that you'd get in America. It's another kind of filmmaking, but thanks to computer technology we were able to channel a lot of the budget into the post-production and make that epic film that we were dreaming of. I don't think we could have done it even five or six years ago."

A critical and box office success wherever it has played, Max Manus is a career highlight for Ronning and Sandberg. The pair are currently being courted by Hollywood studios, which is a long way away from their humble beginnings in Norway.

"We've known each other now for 27 years and started making shorts films on video in elementary school," recalled Ronning. "We work together very naturally."

Max Manus opens Friday

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Bertinelli hits another milestone

Just days before Valerie Bertinelli turns 50 Friday, she achieved another personal goal: finishing the Boston Marathon. Bertinelli told People — just after running the 26.2-mile race, her first marathon, in 5:14:37 — “I feel euphoric.” **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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Celebrity Buzz**Ringless Bullock comes out of hiding**

LEAVE SANDRA ALONE! Sandra Bullock emerged from hiding again — and her wedding ring was nowhere in sight, people.com reports.

During its Monday night broadcast, Entertainment Tonight showed a photograph of the star taking a hike in Northern California. In the snap reportedly taken last Friday, a somber looking Bullock wears a hat and scarf and little makeup.

Noticeably missing from

her left hand: The vintage platinum band with inter-twining diamonds she has worn since wedding to Jesse James nearly five years ago.

Bullock, 45, has only been seen once before in public since her husband's cheating scandal erupted



in early March. (Since Michelle “Bombshell” McGee claimed an 11-month affair with James, four other women have come forward claiming involvement with the motorcycle mogul. James, 41, is said to be seeking treatment at an undisclosed facility.) On

March 31, the Oscar winner — concealed by a floppy green hat and umbrella-bearing assistants — briefly left her Hollywood Hills home to visit the Beverly Hills home of her friend, investor Gabriel Brenner.

How is she doing now? “She is devastated but being methodical and trying to make the right decision about what to do next,” a Bullock source says in the latest issue of Us Weekly.

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Kardashian: Mom told me to pose nude

GOOD OLD FASHIONED FAMILY VALUES Kim Kardashian only posed for Playboy because her mother told her to, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The socialite admits she regrets baring all for the publication in December 2007, but was urged to do so by mother Kris Jenner to promote their Keeping Up with the Kardashians TV programme.

“Go for it,” my mother said, “They might never ask you again. Our show isn’t on the air yet. No one knows who you are. Do it and you’ll have these beautiful pictures to look at when you’re my age,” she said.

However, posing in another naked shoot for Harper’s Bazaar, the 29-year-old beauty admits she feels more comfortable this time around.



METRO WORLD NEWS

Elin snaps up pricey real estate

GO ‘HEAD GIRL, SPEND THAT CASH

Elin Nordegren’s recent purchase of a \$2 million home in Sweden have some speculating that the salvaging of her marriage to Tiger Woods isn’t going so well, but sources close to the couple insist Nordegren won’t be taking the kids all the way

to Europe.



“No way would Tiger let Elin leave the U.S.A. with his children. You can say whatever you want about Tiger as a husband, but he has always been a great father,” a source tells Popeater. “He knows his marriage is probably over, but he will never give up on those kids. They mean the world to him.”

METRO WORLD NEWS

Lohan in big debt trouble

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Despite not having made a film in more than a year, Lindsay Lohan has reportedly done nothing to curb her spending, and it’s taking its toll, according to Radar Online.

“Lindsay owes credit cards \$600,000,” a source says. “One card cut her off last week, and it’s only a matter of time before all her other ones cut her off, too.”

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**Gibson’s baby mama playing coy about split**

HEY - SHE’S GOT A FIFTEENTH MINUTE TO EXTEND, FOLKS Oksana Grigorieva is being coy about why she and Mel Gibson really split up, but she will say there’s more to it than what’s been reported.

“I can tell you that ... we have split up, suddenly and recently,” Grigorieva said at a press conference in

Moscow. “Unfortunately, I cannot give you the reason. But you will find out everything quite soon.” She also divulged that she’s planning to get the hammer-and-sickle tattoo on her ankle that Gibson suggested removed.

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**Aniston to sit in director’s seat**

IT’S A SAFE BET THERE’S A NO-ANGELINA CASTING POLICY

Jennifer Aniston is getting ready to step behind the camera, gearing up to direct her first feature film, according to the Sun. “I have a project in development I’m going to direct,” the former Friends star says, according to the newspaper. “After you get your belt you sit back and go, ‘What’s next?’”

METRO WORLD NEWS

**Oprah jokes about bio**

IF YOU CAN’T BEAT ‘EM ... Oprah Winfrey has finally addressed the allegations in Kitty Kelley’s new unauthorized biography of the media queen. While presenting an award to Gayle King at the New York Women in Communications Matrix

Awards, the last week “was a rough one” for King because the pal “sometimes cares more about my life than I do.”

Winfrey joked, “Gayle got herself worked up with all my new daddies coming out,” referencing the book’s claim that Vernon Winfrey isn’t her real father.

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DAVID ARCHULETA didn’t expect to be spotted at a gay bar, **JIM CARREY** isn’t a fan of gossip, and **SARAH SILVERMAN** is asking the tough questions.

@DavidArchie Mental note to self: always ask where before you go! Wasn’t my kind of place lol, and I had no clue! I guess you live and learn.

@JimCarrey Watching and reading gossip is like eating somethin’ greasy. Fun at first but afterwards u feel gross. It seems 2 drain your vitality.

@SarahSilverman Why aren’t hair elastics allowed in movies or TV? Must every ponytail be wrapped in hair??

METRO NEWS SERVICES

**Ex-action star fights back**

EXCEPT THERE’S NO SCRIPT FOR THIS ONE, STEVE

Stephen Seagal isn’t taking his former assistant’s allegations of sexual harassment and sex trafficking lying down. The former action star plans to counter Kayden Nguyen’s lawsuit with his own suit for breaching their confidentiality agreement, according to Radar Online. Seagal’s lawyer also claims that Nguyen was initially let go because of illegal activities. Nguyen’s suit claims he

treated the young woman as a personal “sex toy,” among other charges.

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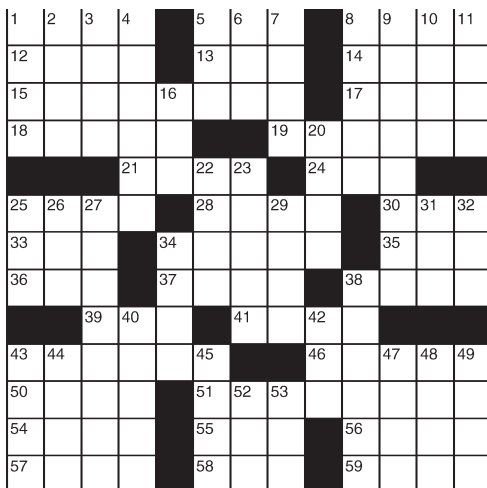
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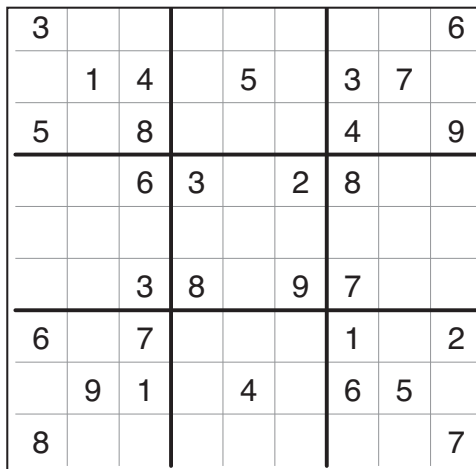
WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.



Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



ACROSS

1 Water barriers
5 Foolish one
8 Pack cargo
12 Bassoon's cousin
13 Leap
14 Georgetown athlete
15 Produce
17 Holly
18 List of candidates
19 Breathing hard, maybe
21 Retain
24 Goof up
25 FDR is on it
28 Verdi opera
30 Pub order
33 Important number
34 Prejudiced sort
35 Afternoon social
36 Conclusion
37 A Great Lake
38 Yogi or Smokey
39 Long, long time

41 Verifiable
43 Earns
46 Throat ailment
50 Exam format
51 Free
54 Initial chip
55 Praise in verse
56 Teen's woe
57 Require
58 Witty one
59 2001, for one

DOWN

1 Kennel occupants
2 The third man
3 — Lisa
4 Boil
5 "Eureka!"
6 No teetotaler
7 Jet forth
8 Less outgoing
9 Stand
10 Courtroom call
11 Like paraffin
16 Old Olds
20 Radiator offering
22 Den
23 1 in 1,000,000

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



3	9	1	8	7	5	4	2	6
5	7	8	2	6	4	1	3	9
6	2	4	1	3	9	8	5	7
1	8	9	3	4	6	5	7	2
4	5	6	7	2	1	3	9	8
7	3	2	9	5	8	6	1	4
9	1	3	6	8	7	2	4	5
2	6	5	4	9	3	7	8	1
8	4	7	5	1	2	9	6	3

On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Chicken with Noodles

INGREDIENTS:

2 1/2 to 3 pounds chicken breasts, thighs, and drumsticks
4 cups lower-sodium chicken broth (page 67)
2 large carrots, cut into 1/2-inch slices
1 large onion, chopped
1/4 tsp each salt and pepper
1 package medium-size regular noodles
1/4 cup cold water
2 tbsp all-purpose flour

METHOD:

1. Remove and discard chicken skin. Rinse chicken; drain and pat dry. In Dutch oven, combine chicken, broth, carrots, onion, salt and pepper. Bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer, covered, 30 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Remove chicken from broth mixture. Set broth

mixture aside. Cool chicken; remove and discard bones. Cut meat into bite-size pieces.

2. Bring broth mixture to boil over high heat. Add noodles. Return to boil. Lower heat and simmer, covered, 6 minutes.

3. Add chicken. In small bowl, whisk cold water and flour. Stir into chicken mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture starts to thicken. Cook and stir 2 minutes more or until mixture is thickened. Serve over mashed potatoes.

SERVES 4

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Money buys many things but it can't buy self-respect, so keep your standards up over the next 24 hours and don't get involved in anything devious.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23

Usually you are pretty smart when it comes to assessing the financial worth of something but you are allowing your emotions to lead you right now.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21

Authority figures are likely to give you a bit of a hard time today but your mood is so positive at the moment that you won't let it get to you.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22

Even if you have the power to force others to do your bidding today the planets warn it won't do you much good. Use your powers of persuasion instead.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21

Make a mental effort to see the bigger picture today. If you allow yourself to get caught up in petty squabbles you will miss a golden opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21

It's okay to protect your interests, but it's not okay to be so aggressive that you risk turning people against you.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22

It is of the utmost importance that you are honest with people today, even to the extent of admitting to your failings.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20

Sometimes Lady Luck seems to desert you for no good reason and this may be one of those days. Don't let it worry you.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23

A power struggle is likely today but you must try to steer clear of it. This is not a good time to come down on one side or the other.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18

It should be now be obvious that you are never going to get along with a certain individual. All you can do is agree to differ and go your separate ways.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22

You may think you have all the answers, and it is certainly true that you have some of them, but there is a limit to everyone's knowledge.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20

Avoid people who are loud and aggressive. Avoid people whose attitude makes your blood boil. You will be easily provoked today.



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